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APPLICANT(S): Allen, Drew
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TITLE: COMPRESSION BONE STAPLE AND APPLICATOR

EXAMINER: to be accorded
ART UNIT: 3732

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks

Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the above-identified (Sec. 1.53(b) Continuation) of Application No. 09.500,060, filed 02/08/00, for Compression Bone Staple Apparatus and Method (Original title), and allowed 07/12/01.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the entire original specification with the accompanying substitute specification.

Insert before the first line of the substitute specification, the following sentence:

--This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/500,060, filed 02/08/00, and No. 09/299,285 filed 04/26/99, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,059,787.